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Dear Josh,

I enclose for your information excerpts from the June issue of the USSR Academy of Sciences Herald which contains "the debate" between the Academy's President, Alexandrov, and Academician Dubinin. Because the text covers the genetics area, it should prove of interest to you, particularly since you are cited in "the debate."

If you are unable to get the article translated, let me know and I can give you the flavor over the phone and get a translation for you thereafter.

The next time you are in Washington I would also like to talk to you about the excerpts since I plan to write a brief analysis of "the debate" in terms of its political implications for the Soviet S&T community. Lysenko's spirit may still be alive within the USSR!

John R. Thomas

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